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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN SS.

To HENRY S. HIGGINS, Jr., Constable of the Town of
Whately, County of Franklin, GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose three Selectmen, three Aseessors, School Committee for three years, an Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, all to be voted for on one ballot; and also to choose Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustees, and all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 3.—To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," upon the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town?"

ART. 4.—To act upon the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School Committee, and any other Officers or Committees.

ART. 5.—To act upon the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same.

ART. 7.—To see what the Town will do with the money received from the County, called the Dog Fund.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise and appropriate money for his salary.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the Public Library.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent. or any fixed per cent. on amount of Town Grant, State and County Tax, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before August 1st, 1893.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise Fifteen Hundred Dollars to apply on Town Debt.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Two Hundred Dollars to repair the Town Hall, and enlarge the library room.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Two Hundred Dollars to improve the road between the house of George Bennett and the fork of the roads below George Dickinson's.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money to defray town charges in anticipation of taxes, giving the Town's note therefor.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will raise money to improve the Cemeteries.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Fifty Dollars to complete hardening the hill near E. W. Bardwell's.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to clean out the Swamp Ditches, or for any other purpose, or transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the South Center School House.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at each of the Post Offices in said town, said posting to be seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} Selectmen of Whately.
DAVID ASHCRAFT,	
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,	

Treasurer's Report.

M. HOWES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF WHATELY.

DR.

To Cash from M. Howes, Ex-Treasurer,	\$1,067 90
H. S. Higgins, Jr., Collector,	6,869 35
State Treasurer, Bank Tax,	1,157 76
“ “ Military Aid,	172 00
“ “ State Aid,	126 00
“ “ School Fund,	387 20
“ “ Corporation Tax,	17 63
“ “ Trans. State Pauper,	3 30
County “ Dog Fund,	47 86
“ “ Setting Stone,	26 00
M. J. Morrissey, liquor license,	250 00
Hampshire Co. Bank, temporary loan,	1,000 00
Charles H. Wait, supt's salary,	69 70
S. B. Crafts, Smith Place,	25 00
P. D. Martin, Criminal cases,	19 83
H. Bardwell, Cemetery lots,	15 00
S. B. Crafts, use of derrick at Hatfield,	12 00
L. F. Crafts, Hall,	11 00
J. N. White, Auction license,	2 00
Ella L. Elder, Library fines,	30
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	\$11,279 20

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Outstanding orders,	8341 17
Old bills,	107 57
Contingent,	374 88

State Aid,	\$155 50
Military aid,	372 00
Bridges,	166 28
Poor,	888 95
Schools,	1,366 57
Highways,	800 56
Cemetery,	110 80
Library,	38 75
County Tax,	718 14
License,	62 50
State Tax,	367 50
Temporary Loan,	1,000 00
Interest,	226 20
Town Bond,	1,500 00
Discount on Taxes,	93 00
Abatements,	8 00
Town Officers,	542 37
Balance in Treasury,	2,038 46
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	\$11,279 20

Collector's Report.

HENRY S. HIGGINS, Jr., IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF WHATELY.

DR.

To amount of Town Grant,	\$5,350 00
State Tax,	367 50
County Tax,	718 14
Overlayings,	230 65
Discount, 3 per cent. on Taxes,	193 06
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	\$6,869 35

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By amount paid M. Howes, Treasurer,	\$6,768 35
By Discount on Taxes,	93 00
By Abatements of Taxes,	8 00
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	\$6,869 35

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Victor D. Bardwell,
Henry A. Wilder,
Thomas Fleming,
Wells T. Smith,
Edward A. Scott,
Warren P. Crafts,
Leander F. Crafts,
David P. Wells,

Lyman S. Munson,
Cooley B. Dickinson,
Charles E. Bardwell,
George F. Pease,
Lemuel F. Graves,
Frank Dickinson,
Patrick F. Brennan,
L. A. Wood.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, having attended to their duties as defined by the Statutes, and in accordance with the instructions of the Town, respectfully submit the following report to the inhabitants of Whately.

In presenting the report to the people of Whately, it is our intention to state the facts as they appear to us, recollecting that the same things appear differently to different persons, who approach them from a different standpoint. The year now closed has been to the people of Whately one of remarkable prosperity. Crops have been good and prices high, and the people have all been prosperous. The indebtedness of the town has been materially reduced the past year.

In view of the fact shown by the last census, that the population of the town has largely decreased in the last fifteen years, that the volume of general business is much less than formerly, real estate much depreciated in value, grave apprehensions are felt by many that the town is destined to become still further reduced in wealth and standing. To avoid this unpleasant result as far as possible it becomes the citizens to conduct their public affairs with thoughtful prudence, and with a far seeing liberality, taking care that the advantages of the town as a place of residence, and of business, with some chances of becoming a summer resort for visitors of wealth and influence, shall not be impaired by mistaken economy, or careless management in public matters. The interests of the tax payers in the future, will be best promoted by appropriations sufficient to maintain good roads and bridges, efficient schools, and that will keep all the town property in good order.

The selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the coming year:

Schools,	\$1,200 00
School Repairs,	100 00
School Supplies,	200 00
Poor,	1,000 00
Interest,	200 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Bridges and Culverts,	800 00
Contingent Expenses,	1,000 00
Town Officers,	575 00
Cemeteries,	100 00
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	\$6,175 00

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

The Selectmen appointed one of their number, Seth B. Crafts, as Road Commissioner, who with the advice and counsel of the other members of the board of Selectmen, appointed David Ashcraft, R. M. Swift, Warren P. Crafts, Irving Allis, J. E. Waite, Charles E. Bardwell, and Henry W. Bardwell, who had charge of the special repairs. There was expended for that purpose, \$98.96, (ninety-eight dollars and ninety-six cents.) Good creditable work was done. Work was commenced on general repairs the 28th day of March, the season being early. There has been expended \$711.05. See report for statement in detail. One difficult question has been pressing itself upon this board for an answer: "How shall we spread seven hundred dollars over fifty miles of road, and put them in perfect condition?" We have not had any very destructive storms, from which our roads have suffered the past season, yet they are in a very undesirable condition. We think that an appropriation of \$1000 for roads might be judiciously expended. In view of the future we have recently bought 2000 feet of plank, taken with what we had on hand before, will make 3000 feet ready for future use.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

George E. Allen, edge for road scraper,	\$8 00
Fred L. Graves, repairs on road scraper,	1 25
Wade & Daniels, printing town reports, 1891,	20 28

Wade & Daniels, printing school supt's report, 1891,	\$6 24
A. L. Adkins, repairs on road scraper,	1 75
Conant & Conant, counsel fees, R. R. Lawsuit,	85 85
J. E. Waite, cutting and drawing railing,	3 00
Charles Bardwell, cutting and drawing railing,	8 00
E. C. Waite, spikes for railings,	1 75
R. M. Swift, labor on railings,	14 30
Thos. Flynn, " " " " " "	7 50
Thos. Flemming, labor on railings,	7 50
L. A. Crafts, services as elector,	10 00
H. S. Higgins, Jr., taxes on town lands,	2 82
David Ashcraft, spikes and labor on railing,	1 00
George A. Elder, book and express for assessors,	5 85
George A. Elder, register for voters,	1 25
J. S. Fairfield, repairs on wagon,	2 00
George Moore, stones for marking location of road,	14 50
Ed. E. Sanderson, " " " " " "	14 50
Nonotuck Silk Co., repairing derrick pulley,	4 00
George Bennett, sawing and splitting wood for town hall,	2 50
Erving Allis, surveying for setting stone, on re-location of Old Deerfield road,	2 00
Chas. H. Waite, measuring and setting stone on Old Deer- field road,	1 50
Geo. A. Elder, going to Deerfield with transcript of votes,	4 00
Lyman A. Crafts, making copy of survey of Old Deerfield road,	50
R. C. Howes, stationery and oil for hall and library,	1 18
Ed. E. Sanderson, lumber and work on tramp house,	5 00
Willis Waite, labor on railings,	2 75
Merrick Lumber Co., lumber for tramp house,	10 98
J. E. Waite, labor on railings,	8 55
Fred Smith, labor and lumber on tramp house,	4 35
Elisha Grover, lumber for tramp house,	7 56
George P. Graves, labor on tramp house,	2 32
Wm. P. Smith, " " " " " "	3 60
Victor Bardwell, pails, blankets, labor, etc., on the tramp house,	13 00
E. W. Bardwell, stove for tramp house,	3 00
Charles J. Smith, wood for town hall,	5 62

Hobert Dickinson, ringing bell,	\$10 00
L. F. Crafts, care of town hall,	10 00
L. A. Crafts, support of watering tank, three months,	1 25
Elisha Jenney, " " "	3 00
Wm. P. Smith, " " "	5 00
L. B. Sanderson, " " "	5 00
G. E. Sanderson, " " "	1 50
F. A. Crafts, freight on akron pipe,	65
J. D. Seymour, M. D., returning 13 births, at 25 cts each,	3 25
L. F. Crafts, returning deaths,	4 00
George A. Elder, recording marriages, births and deaths,	12 45
M. Howes, lamp chimney, oil, etc., for library and hall,	2 78
Seth B. Crafts, express, freight and stationery,	3 50
George A. Elder, express and justice fees,	6 00
Charles Hall, lamps for town hall,	18 50
Fred L. Graves, staples and rods for hall lamps,	60
George A. Elder, express,	2 40
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	\$389 63

HIGHWAYS.

Daniel Dickinson, highway, labor,	\$3 45
Wells Dickinson, " "	6 75
Seth B. Crafts, " "	10 00
D. L. Crafts, " "	2 25
Frank O. Scott, " "	12 95
Warren P. Crafts, " "	17 55
Charles E. Bardwell, " "	17 50
Henry W. Bardwell, " "	15 50
J. E. Waite, " "	20 70
Willis F. Waite, " "	8 75
Henry Sharpe, " "	3 50
Chas. S. Sanderson, " "	6 00
C. A. Graves, " "	4 50
William W. Field, " "	3 00
Charles J. Smith, " "	8 00
F. D. Belden, " "	8 00
E. C. Warner, " "	50
S. C. Wood, " "	50

Donovan Bros., highway, labor	\$2 55
M. J. Holbran, " "	3 00
L. Meekins, " "	60
Ashley Dickinson, " "	90
Patrick Dalton, " "	4 50
Patrick Connelly, " "	4 50
James Masterson, " "	3 00
Erving Allis, " "	20 40
S. B. Crafts, " "	25 00
J. E. Waite, " "	5 92
Joseph Asher, " "	30
Asa T. Sanderson, " "	3 37
Edward Smith, " "	1 50
Charles E. Bardwell, " "	17 00
George P. Graves, " "	1 20
Rufus D. Waite, " "	2 63
Luther Sanderson, " "	2 25
James Nolan, " "	2 17
Henry W. Bardwell, " "	12 77
Victor D. Bardwell, " "	60
Fred Smith, " "	2 25
C. R. Chaffee, " "	2 00
C. K. Waite, " "	9 00
William Cahill, " "	2 85
Patrick Connelly, " "	1 50
S. B. Crafts, " "	39 25
J. E. Waite, " "	4 95
Rufus M. Swift, " "	35 80
George W. Moore, " "	28 00
F. G. Bardwell, " "	22 00
Almeron Crafts, " "	3 00
Patrick Connelly, " "	16 95
Thomas Flynn, " "	11 65
John M. Crafts, " "	1 22
Thomas Flemming, " "	13 00
John Holloran, " "	8 00
Charles J. Smith, " "	4 25
Israel Smith, " "	1 50
Patrick Conley, " "	1 50

Geo. B. McClellan, highway, labor,	\$1 50
L. B. Sanderson, " "	3 90
E. C. Warner, " "	8 55
E. C. Warner, gravel for highway,	2 00
David Ashcraft, highway, labor,	4 00
Frank O. Scott, " "	1 05
George P. Graves, " "	4 30
E. A. Warner, " "	1 50
Fred Smith, " "	3 00
E. E. Smith, " "	4 50
Ed. W. Bardwell, " "	10 00
Arthur Dunham, " "	11 65
Arthur Jenney, " "	60
Chas. E. Bardwell, " "	19 05
Frank Sanderson, " "	3 67
Almeron Crafts, " "	1 50
Patrick Connelly, " "	1 50
Geo. B. McClellan, " "	5 00
Charles Smith, " "	10 00
John Blunkard " "	10 00
Alfred S. Belden, " "	5 25
George D. Bartlett, " "	10 00
S. H. Allis, " "	10 00
Dennis Hayes, " "	3 00
Mich. Handrahan, " "	3 00
Israel Smith, " "	1 50
R. M. Swift, " "	30 50
E. C. Warner, " "	6 50
David Ashcraft, " "	2 00
E. E. Sanderson, " "	5 00
Chas. E. Bardwell, " "	3 15
J. E. Waite, " "	21 25
Willis F. Waite, " "	2 00
V. D. Bardwell, " "	4 75
Patrick Dalton, " "	75
J. U. Beers, " "	1 95
E. S. Munson, " "	5 00
Lyman A. Crafts, " "	3 00
Seth B. Crafts, " "	12 95

 \$711 05

HIGHWAYS, SPECIAL.

The Town appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100 to harden the hill near E. W. Bardwell's, at the annual meeting. Under the supervision of Henry W. Bardwell, \$98.96, (ninety-eight dollars and ninety-six cents,) of the Town's appropriation, was expended, together with a generous contribution of work, by the following named gentlemen, of sixty-eight dollars and eighteen cents, \$68.18) :

Victor D. Bardwell,	\$33 66
E. W. Bardwell,	18 90
Lyman Sanderson,	9 82
James Nolan,	3 00
Henry W. Bardwell,	2 80
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	\$68 18
Elisha Grover, plank for hill near E. W. Bardwell's,	\$11 88
Charles A. Covill, sawing plank,	2 70
Charles E. Bardwell, labor on hill near E. W. Bardwell's,	13 47
Henry W. Bardwell, " " " "	33 12
Seth B. Crafts, " " " "	3 50
Hiram Bardwell, " " " "	18 55
Joseph Asher, " " " "	8 77
Ellsha Grover, " " " "	1 20
Arthur Jenny, " " " "	1 20
James Nolan, " " " "	8 47
Charles S. Sanderson, " " " "	3 00
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	\$98 96

OLD BILLS.

Willis C. Sanderson, drawing coal for Chas. E. Jewett,	\$2 00
Mrs. H. K. White, curtains for So. Center school house,	1 50
Willis Callahan, janitor South Center school house,	70
Seth B. Crafts, timber and plank,	19 28
Seth B. Crafts, highway, labor,	24 74
Charles A. Covill, highway, labor,	2 62

Charles H. Waite, pay for janitor,	\$2 80
DeWolf, Fisk & Co., books for library,	3 65
Hager Brothers, maple plank,	18 27
S. E. Bridgman, school books,	13 60
R. M. Swift, expenses for Edwin M. Belden,	6 09
N. H. Damon, labor on bridge,	1 50
E. A. Warner, highway, labor,	76
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	\$107 57

BRIDGES.

Chas. Smith and F. D. Belden, plank,	\$30 00
Elisha Grover, "	25 56
E. A. Warner, labor on bridges,	2 75
Arthur Dunham, " "	1 35
E. E. Smith, " "	2 10
Geo. P. Graves, " "	1 35
George Cook, " "	3 37
Chas. E. Bardwell, " "	4 60
E. E. Smith, " "	60
Chas. E. Bardwell, " "	2 40
Arthur Jenney, " "	50
Chas. E. Bardwell, " "	60
Elisha Grover, plank,	7 34
Geo. D. Bartlett, "	2 82
Elisha Grover, "	1 54
David Ashcraft, labor on bridge near Hager Bros.,	1 25
J. E. Waite, " "	2 60
S. W. & A. B. Lee, Akron pipe for culvert,	12 24
J. E. Waite, labor on culvert,	2 40
Town of Sunderland, for Sunderland bridge,	31 24
Chas. Bardwell, labor on bridge,	3 80
Henry W. Bardwell, labor on culvert,	50
Seth B. Crafts, plank,	11 12
Lyman A. Crafts, labor on culvert,	2 00
Seth B. Crafts, labor and plank for bridges,	12 25
Strong & Bradford, 2 M plank,	32 00

SCHOOL REPAIRS.

J. E. Waite, lumber for North West school house,	\$2 94
Chas. H. Waite, lime, mason work, North Center,	2 94
Chas. H. Waite, 150 feet lumber, brick, etc.,	3 00
L. F. Crafts, school house repairs,	2 60
A. L. Adkins, " " "	4 70
Wm. P. Smith, " " "	1 50
L. S. Munson, " " "	4 08
D. L. Crafts, " " " N. Center,	50
L. F. Crafts, painting S. E. school house,	28 21
Willie Crafts, repairing clock N. Center,	75
L. F. Crafts, repairs on school house,	13 50
L. F. Crafts, " " "	3 87
R. C. Howes, curtains for school house,	2 00
Chas. H. Waite, lumber for school house,	1 25
Chas. F. Pease, school repairs,	3 16
R. C. Howes,	3 39
Ed E. Smith,	75
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	\$79 14

POOR.

Paid Geo. W. Moore, board, Hannah Bardwell,	\$171 35
Sam'l Davis, board, Ben Loveredge,	160 24
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Albert W. Judd,	169 92
Mrs. E. E. Dunham, board, Elihu Harvey,	54 66
Calvin Knight, " E. E. Smith,	12 18
Walter Bardwell, " E. M. Belden, \$4.75;	
Medical attendance, \$2.00,	6 75
Chas. E. Jewett's family,	291 93
Board and expense taking Vetel Asher to Tewksbury,	17 77
Expense in Henry Wood case,	9 00
John H. Pease, care of tramps,	26 20
Expense in Pauper care care at Easthampton,	11 95
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Total for poor,	\$931 95

STATE AID.

Under Chap. 301 Acts of 1889.

Edward E. Sanderson,	\$54
Stephen G. Stearns,	36
Luther M. Crafts,	36
Bela K. Crafts,	44
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	\$170

MILITARY AID.

Under Chap. 279, Acts 1889.

Joseph L. Longley,	\$144
Chas. E. Jewett,	240
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	\$384

LIBRARY.

Mrs. George A. Elder, services as librarian,	\$35 00
“ “ “ “ for books and express,	3 75
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	\$38 75

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

ASSESSORS.

Willis F. Waite,	\$27 62
George F. Pease,	31 00
George A. Elder,	41 75
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	100 37

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles H. Waite,	\$25 00
Lyman S. Munson,	25 00
Charles F. Pease,	25 00
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	75 00

SELECTMEN.

Victor D. Bardwell,	\$50 00	
David Ashcraft,	55 00	
Seth B. Crafts,	90 00	
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Henry S. Higgins, Jr.,	73 00
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TREASURER.

M. Howes,	35 00	
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Total for Town Officers,		\$478 37

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Jasper Kuntzy,	\$2 00	
John Symansky,	2 00	
John Milrosky,	2 00	
R. Howard Belden,	2 00	
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DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Henry S. Higgins,	\$93 00
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REGISTRARS.

Victor D. Bardwell,	15 00	
David Ashcraft,	15 00	
Seth B. Crafts,	15 00	
George A. Elder,	15 00	
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BALLOT CLERKS.

Rylan C. Howes,	\$2 00
Charles H. Waite,	2 00
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	\$4 00

LIQUOR LICENSE.

George A. Marden,	62 50
State Tax,	367 50
George A. Marden, interest,	\$99 05
“ “ “	97 15
Hampshire Savings Bank, on temporary loan,	3 00
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	226 20

COUNTY TAX.

E. A. Newcomb.	718 14
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

Hampshire Savings Bank,	1,000 00
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PAYMENT ON TOWN NOTE.

George A. Marden,	1,500 00
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	\$3,874 34

CEMETERIES.

CEMETERY WEST.

Hiram Bardwell, addition to cemetery,	\$50 00
Hiram Bardwell, book for Commissioners, \$3,	
Mowing, \$2.50,	5 68
Hiram Bardwell, labor on cemetery,	5 85
Hiram Bardwell, “ “ “	17 35
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	\$78 88

CEMETERY CENTER.

Leander F. Crafts, labor,	\$10 00	
“ “ “ “	14 15	
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CEMETERY EAST.

David Ashcraft,	\$3 50	
A. E. Waite,	4 27	
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		\$110 80

SALARY SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.

No. 30.	W. M. Purrington,	\$10 36
40.	“ “	10 36
96.	“ “	10 36
149.	“ “	10 94
262.	“ “	10 86
275.	“ “	11 66
353.	“ “	11 26
376.	“ “	11 26
434.	“ “	11 26
456.	“ “	11 26
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		\$109 58

FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Orders have been drawn by the Selectmen, amounting to \$1,682.36. For a detail statement of expenditure of the same, see report of School Committee.

RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN, 1892-93.

Bridges and Culverts,	\$198 28
School House Repairs,	79 14
Old Bills,	107 57
State Aid,	170 00
Military Aid,	384 00
Contingent Expenses,	389 63
Highways,	711 05
Poor,	931 95
Schools,	1,682 36
Town Officers,	478 37
County Tax,	718 14
State Tax,	367 50
Interest,	226 20
Highways, special,	98 96
Library,	38 75
Abatements,	8 00
Discount,	93 00
Supt. of Schools Salary,	109 58
Cemeteries,	110 80
Liquor License,	62 50
Temporary Loan,	1,000 00
Registrars and Ballot Clerks,	64 00
Payment on Town Note,	1,500 00
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	\$9,529 78

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 18, 1893.

Note State Treasury,	\$7,160 00	
Outstanding Orders,	630 21	
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ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$2,038 46
Due from State Aid,	205 50

Due from Military Aid,	\$240 00	
Due from D. Bradford, use of Derrick,	5 00	
Town Lands,	200 00	
Balance of Indebtedness,	2,101 25	
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Decrease of indebtedness since last report,		2,320 60

SETH B. CRAFTS,	}	Selectmen of Whately.
DAVID ASHCRAFT,		
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,		

WHATELY, Feb. 21, 1893.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and the Selectmen of the Town of Whately, that I find them to be correct, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer, and due the Town, two thousand thirty-eight 46-100 Dollars. (\$2,038.46.)

STOLHAM E. ALLIS, Auditor.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

There has been expended on the North West Cemetery, \$28.88 and have received from the sale of lots, \$15.00. Expended on Center Cemetery, \$24.15, received from sale of lots, \$15.00. East Cemetery expenses, \$7.77.

There will be a good deal of work to do on the North West Cemetery the coming year, as there are about 16 rods of fence to make, and the ground put in suitable shape for burial purposes. We would ask the town to appropriate \$100 for Cemeteries the coming year.

L. F. CRAFTS,
D. ASHCRAFT,
HIRAM BARDWELL.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the Whately Free Public Library, chosen at a town meeting held Nov. 8, 1892, have carefully examined the books, and find 1724 volumes, including public documents, and about forty that are worn out from constant use.

There has since been added one hundred dollars worth of Books, (one hundred and thirty-one volumes). Also an Atlas of Massachusetts, as a gift from the State, to form a part of Whately Free Public Library, for the free use of all its citizens, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 255 of the Acts of 1892. The Trustees have bought of De Wolfe, Fisk & Co., thirty-two books, at a cost of seventy-two dollars and ninety-four cents, but they are not paid for, as the bill was received too late, and the Selectmen's books were closed for the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dog money appropriated March, 1892,	\$69 22
Fines,	30
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	\$69 52

PAYMENTS.

King's Hand Book of the United States,	\$3 75
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Balance in Treasury,	\$65 77

J. U. BEERS, for Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee.

To the Voters of Whately :

The committee submit the following report for the year 1892 and 1893.

The report has to be made out before the close of the schools, but is correct, unless they should be discontinued on account of sickness.

The schools have had one week more than usual this year, which we think has been an advantage. The South east school house has had a new coat of paint. The wood for the coming year, for the North and South Center and the North and South East Schools, has been received and paid for.

There is some repairing needed on the South Center and North East school houses and some new seats and desks are much needed in the North East school.

We would suggest that \$1,200.00 be appropriated for schools; \$150.00 for repairs on school buildings; \$200.00 for books and supplies; also, that \$125.00 be appropriated to pay our share of Superintendent's salary, which we think is money well invested and that we cannot afford to be without one.

We also submit the report of Superintendent E. W. Goodhue.

LYMAN S. MUNSON, CHAS. F. PEASE, CHAS. H. WAITE,	}	School Committee.
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NORTH EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie M. Stedman teaching Spring term,	
9 weeks, at \$5.75 per week,	\$51 75
Paid Jennie Higgins teaching 1 week,	5 75
Paid Hattie M. Steadman teaching Fall term	
9 weeks, at \$6.00 per week,	\$54 00
Paid Hattie M. Steadman teaching Winter	
term, 13 weeks, at \$6.00 per week,	\$78 00
Paid Hattie M. Steadman, Janitor,	4 25
Chas. F. Pease, cash paid Mrs. Dennis Hayes,	
for cleaning,	1 50
Paid Smith & Belden for 3 cords wood at	
\$5.25 per cord,	15 75
Paid S. W. Allis for 4 cords wood at \$4.25,	17 00
	\$228 00

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Spring term,	11
Fall term,	11
Winter term,	14

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Jennie L. Pease, teaching 10 weeks,	
Spring term, at \$7.00 per week,	\$70 00
Paid Jennie L. Pease, teaching Fall term, 10	
weeks, \$7.00 per week,	70 00
Paid Jennie L. Pease, teaching Winter term,	
13 weeks, at \$8.00 per week,	104 00
Chas. F. Pease, cash paid Janitor,	3 25
Chas. F. Pease, cash paid Mrs Dennis Hayes cleaning,	2 00
Smith & Belden, 4 3-4 cords wood, at \$5.25,	24 94
S. W. Allis, 4 cords wood, at \$4.25,	17 00
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	\$291 19

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Spring term,	25
Fall term,	24
Winter term,	33

NORTH CENTER SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Lena Bemis, teaching Spring term, 10	
weeks, at \$7.00 per week,	\$70 00
Paid Miss Lena Bemis, teaching Fall term, 10	
weeks, at \$7.00 per week,	70 00
Paid Miss Lena Bemis, teaching Winter term,	
4 weeks, at \$7.00 per week,	28 00
Paid Miss Carrie Field, teaching Winter term, 9	
weeks, at \$7.00 per week,	63 00
Paid Robert Dickinson, Janitor,	4 00
Paid Mrs. Dwight Crafts, cleaning,	2 00
Paid Will Sanderson, 3 cords wood, at \$4.75,	14 25
Paid S. W. Allis, 3 cords wood, at \$4.65,	13 95
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	\$265 20

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Spring term,	25
Fall term,	23
Winter term,	20

SOUTH CENTER SCHOOL.

Paid Mrs. H. K. White, for teaching, Spring term, 10 weeks, at \$7.00 per week,	\$70 00
Paid Mrs. H. K. White, for teaching, Fall term, 9 weeks, at \$7.00 per week,	63 00
Paid Mrs. H. K. White, for teaching, Winter term, 14 weeks, at \$8.00 per week ,	112 00
Paid Harold Crafts, Janitor,	2 00
Paid Will Sanderson, for 3 cords woods at \$4.75,	14 25
Paid C. K. Waite, for kindling wood,	2 00
Paid W. P. Crafts, for 1 cord wood,	5 00
Paid S. W. Allis, for 3 cords wood, at \$4.65,	13 95
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	\$284 20

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Spring term,	25
Fall term,	27
Winter term,	32

NORTH WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Anna L. Morse, for teaching, Spring term, 10 weeks, at \$6.50 per week,	\$65 00
Paid Miss Anna L. Morse, for teaching, Fall term, 10 weeks, at \$6.50 per week,	65 00
Paid Miss Bertha Anderson, for teaching, Winter term, 13 weeks, at \$6.75 per week,	87 75
Paid Janitor,	4 00
Paid Edgar Knights, cleaning,	1 50
Paid Will Sanderson, for 3 1-2 cords wood, at \$3.74,	13 09
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	\$236 34

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Spring term,	13
Fall term,	13
Winter term,	14

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Catherine Keefe, for teaching, Spring term, 10 weeks, at \$6.50 per week,	\$65 00
Paid Miss Mabel Leach, for teaching, Fall term, 10 weeks, at \$6.75 per week,	67 50
Paid Miss Mabel Leach, for teaching, Winter term, 13 weeks, at \$6.75 per week,	87 75
Paid Janitor,	4 00
Edgar Knights, for cleaning,	1 50
Will Sanderson, 2 1-2 cords wood, at \$4.25,	10 63

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Spring term,	16
Fall term,	16
Winter term,	19

OLD BILLS.

Willie Callahan, sweeping school house,	\$ 70
Mrs. H. K. White, 6 curtains,	1 50
Chas. H. Waite, cash paid Janitors South Center School,	2 80
S. E. Bridgman, school supplies,	13 60
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	\$18 60

INCIDENTALS.

Chas. H. Waite, express and postage,	\$2 25
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Chas. H. Waite, express and postage,	\$2 75
Will Crafts, repairing clock, N. C. school,	75
Chas. H. Waite, services of Band Columbus day,	3 50
Arthur Jenny, use of team, Columbus day,	1 50
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	\$10 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Lyman S Munson,	\$25 00
Chas. F. Pease,	25 00
Chas. H. Waite,	25 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	\$2 65
Chas. H. Waite,	1 60
E. W. Goodhue,	6 58
M. Howes,	3 39
Harrison Hume,	2 88
Geo. S. Perry & Co.,	1 50
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	9 00
University Publishing Co.,	27 36
Chas H. Waite,	25
E. W. Goodhue,	156
American Book Co.,	5 57
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	3 77
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	13 97
American Book Co.,	11 96
University Publishing Co.,	7 78
D. C. Heath & Co.,	9 25
E. W. Goodhue,	1 30
Geo. T. King & Merrill,	1 75
E. W. Goodhue,	11 05
M. Howes,	2 98
Chas. H. Waite,	1 00
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	\$129 15

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Chas. H. Waite, 150 ft. matched boards and brick,	\$3 00
Chas. H. Waite, cash paid for lime and mason work,	2 94
Arthur Adkins, labor,	4 70
Leander Crafts, papering N. C. school house,	2 60
Dwight Crafts, labor,	50
L. F. Crafts, painting South East school house,	28 21
L. F. Crafts painting shed N. C. school,	3 87
Chas. H. Waite, lumber and labor N. C. school,	1 25
Chas. F. Pease, glass, lock and repairs on stove,	2 04
R. C. Howes, window shades, N. E. school,	2 00
Chas. F. Pease, repairs on door and stove pipe,	3 16
J. E. Waite, lumber,	2 94
Wm. P. Smith, labor on shed N. W. school,	1 50
L. S. Munson, labor and door trimmings,	3 03
L. S. Munson, labor,	4 08
L. F. Crafts, whitewashing, painting and glass,	13 50
Edward Smith, labor,	75
L. F. Crafts, setting glass,	25
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	\$80 32

EXPENDITURES.

North East School,	\$228 00
South East School,	291 19
North Center School,	265 20
South Center School,	284 20
North West School,	236 34
South West School,	236 38
Old Bills,	18 60
Incidentals,	10 75
Books and Supplies.	129 15
School House Repairs,	80 32

Salary of Superintendent,	\$ 109 58
School Committee,	75 00
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	\$1,964 71

RECAPITULATION.

Amt appropriated by town for schools,	\$1,200 00
“ “ for repairs,	100 00
“ “ for supplies,	200 00
“ “ for Superintendent,	125 00
“ received from State School Fund,	387 20
“ “ “ “ on Sup't Salary,	69 07
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	\$2,081 27
 Total receipts,	 2,081 26
“ Expenditures,	1,964 71
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Balance unexpended,	\$116 56

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Whately :

GENTLEMEN :—The fourth annual report of the public schools of this district is herewith presented.

The work of the schools can fairly be called good. It is certain that there has been continued and earnest effort to improve it, on the part of nearly all concerned. No radical changes have been attempted, but a review of the year's labor will show a gradual and desirable introduction of modern and progressive methods of instruction. The results of a systematic course of study and uniform methods of teaching, are evident in the increased interest of the pupils, the regularity of attendance, and the increase of numbers in our high schools. There are certain disadvantages in country districts, such as the impossibility of overcoming irregular attendance, the difficulty experienced in retaining the best teachers, extent of territory, etc., which should always be considered, when comparisons are made with more fortunate districts.

It is a very hopeful sign that poor attendance is confined, pretty closely, to the same scholars, while the majority is quite regular in this respect.

A vigorous attempt was made to improve the appearance of the written work in the schools, during the past year, and

with success. The examination papers and other written exercises are much superior to those of last year, in this direction. It is believed that neatness of work, neatness of person, and neatness of surroundings are important elements in the securing of an education. Some fault is found with the superintendent, because of the introduction of certain methods of instruction into the schools, and frequently it is said that they are not equal to former ones. This criticism is very natural and frequently met with, when an attempt is made to change or improve old methods, and it may be well that it is, as it makes an actual proof of the superiority of new methods necessary. Persons not directly engaged in educational work, can hardly appreciate the vast amount of study and research given the subject, and not fully comprehending the course of experiment and reasoning which has led to the adoption of new ideas, are naturally suspicious of of them. It is not true that because a certain method is old it must be poor, neither because one is new it must be good, but all are subject to intelligent criticism. A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit our schools and examine them, that criticism of them may be based on observation and knowledge, and thus be intelligent and helpful. It is well, however, that the superintendent is not the originator of the methods employed, but is in duty bound to make use of such as competent and distinguished educators have pronounced good, and adapt them to the schools, that they may compare favorably with others in the state. Drawing has been introduced into all schools in the district, and the work of the younger pupils in clay moulding has proved more successful than anticipated. Teachers and scholars are interested in this study, and already we see good effects from it in increased carefulness of observation, more connected and intelligent thought and study, and neatness of execution; among the older pupils it has not proved so successful, owing to the need of elementary training on the

part of the scholar, and lack of experience on the part of the teacher.

As the children now pursuing a thorough course in the elements advance, the results will be more satisfactory. As a rule, our teachers appreciate the truth, that an education is not measured by the actual amount of information and knowledge possessed by the individual, but by the extent of his power for acquiring knowledge, hence we have increased thought power and self reliance among the pupils in most of our schools. The experience of the past year emphasizes the fact that we may have excellent methods of instruction, well disposed and studious scholars with pleasant surroundings, and all amount to little unless we have a thoroughly good competent teacher. Neither superintendent nor committee can secure a good school with a poor instructor.

TEACHERS.

The district has a good corps of teachers, and, with few exceptions, has been very fortunate in retaining them; but few of the changes made have been for the worse and several decidedly for the better. The most of our teachers are heartily in sympathy with their work, and where they have been in the schools for some time, comprehend the requirements and understand the work of our system, so that there is uniform and generally satisfactory progress. Considerable time must necessarily be lost, while new teachers are acquainting themselves with the school and our ways, consequently in schools where change of instructors has been necessary, the progress is not so marked. The great value of a normal course of instruction has been demonstrated in our district the past year.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Williamsburg, Conway and Sunderland have purchased a

considerable amount of new and modern furniture for the school-houses, and other desirable improvements have been made in all towns. Williamsburg has erected two new buildings, which for neatness of design, ventilation, heating, lighting and convenience are not excelled by any in the district. The one at Haydenville, considering the cost, is a model in these respects.

COLUMBUS DAY.

Appropriate exercises were held in all towns of the district on Columbus day, and of a character that reflected credit upon teachers and pupils. These exercises, with the preparation of them, did much to engender a spirit of true patriotism among the children. Several American flags were raised and nearly every school room is now decorated with the national colors.

WHATELY.

In reporting the schools of this town more in detail, it may be said that they have been superior to those of the preceding year. The improvement in several directions is gratifying, and the teaching has been good. While the eastern and central schools have maintained their efficiency, those in the western part of the town have improved in a marked degree, and are now nearly, if not quite, as profitable as the first mentioned. We have been more than usually unfortunate in the number of changes of teachers made necessary in the western schools, but we now have excellent ones in both, and if they can be retained, a profitable future is assured. By the resignation of the teacher in the North Center school, it became necessary to secure another at a very difficult time, but the committee was very fortunate and the work of the school was scarcely interrupted and is gaining in efficiency. More difficulty from

irregular attendance is experienced in this town than in the others. This is largely confined to the S. E. and S. Center schools. So decided is its ill-effect upon those schools, that it is found almost impossible to bring them up to the required standard or to keep them well classified; while the teachers are exerting themselves to accomplish certain desirable work, they can secure but poor results because of this. The necessity for much of this absence is fully realized and deplored, and considered a misfortune, yet it is earnestly desired that parents use every effort to reduce the evil to its minimum.

The N. E. school continues to do good work, but has suffered considerably, as usual, from the illness of the scholars.

The flag raised by the efforts of the N. Center school greatly adds to the good appearance of the house, and taken with the other improvements renders the building more attractive.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Several of the school houses are in need of repairs, and some of new furniture, and it is recommended that a rule adopted by Conway be made use of here, viz.: That at least, one school house shall be put in a satisfactory and thorough state of repair, and made comfortable and attractive each year. The great improvement made in some of the houses of this town, at a small expense, seems to warrant greater. The N. E. house is greatly in need of repairs and new furniture, and if a school is maintained there, it will be necessary that it be repaired soon.

It is suggested that it would be an encouragement to teachers and pupils and of benefit to the schools if parents would visit them more frequently and examine the work done there. They would also be enabled to assist the child-

ren more if familiar with the system and methods employed by our teachers.

It is impossible to give full statistics of the schools for the year, as they are in session at the time of the printing of this report, but the following table may give some idea of the attendance, and of other items of general interest for the first two terms of the year :

SCHOOL.	No. of Weeks.	Boys Enrolled.	Girls Enrolled.	Attendance in days.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Tardiness.	Visits
North West,	20	7	7	1190.	12.28	11.97	97.56	47	27
North East,	19	4	7	757	9.38	8.16	87.	28	24
South East,	20	15	11	1779.	19.73	16.69	84.59	30	17
South West,	20	10	8	1491.	15.71	14.87	94.65	16	28
North Center,	20	13	12	1993.5	21.33	19.80	92.83	63	34
South Center,	19	18	9	1739.	21.83	17.08	78.24	0	19

In conclusion it can be said that the result of the year's work is quite satisfactory ; the actual progress made is greater than during the preceding year, the interest among the pupils is shown in increased attendance and better application to their duties. We have reason to feel assured that the future will bring increased prosperity, and the expected good results of the system employed be fully realized. Your superintendent desires to express his thanks to the committee for the unfailing support and assistance rendered him, and to the citizens for the appreciation shown and the substantial aid given.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE, Supt.



